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1. SUMMARY. POLISH MEDIA REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S POST-  
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HAS BEEN PREDICTABLY UNFAVORABLE. THE POSTPONEMENT IS PORTRAYED  
AS A TACTICAL MOVE WHICH NEITHER SATISFIES THE DEMAND OF WORLD  
OPINION FOR A COMPLETE RENUNCIATION OF THE WEAPON NOR MASKS THE  
INTENTIONS OF MILITARISTS IN THE UNITED STATES TO HEAT UP THE  
ARMS RACE. THE CAMPAIGN IN THE POLISH MEDIA AGAINST THE NEUTRON  
"BOMB" CONTINUES UNABATED. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL POLISH DAILIES RAN THE APRIL 8 POLISH PRESS AGENCY (PAP) ACCOUNT OF THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSTPONEMENT OF A FINAL DECISION ON PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEUTRON WEAPON. THE PAP STORY STRESSED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION DID NOT PRECLUDE PRODUCTION OF THE "BOMB" AT A FUTURE DATE, EMPHASIZED THOSE PARTS OF THE STATEMENT WHICH DISCUSSED AMERICAN INTENTIONS TO STRENGTHEN CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR FORCES, AND INCLUDED SPECULATION ON WASHINGTON INTRIGUE SAID TO HAVE SURROUNDED THE DECISION. THE INTENSE POLISH MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NEUTRON WEAPON HAS CONTINUED UNABATED.

3. EDITORIALIST FRANCISZEK NIETZ IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY OF APRIL 8 WROTE THAT CARTER'S DECISION WAS INADEQUATE: "THE FRIDAY DECISION OF THE WHITE HOUSE CANNOT SATISFY WORLD AND POLISH OPINION, WHICH UNEQUIVOCALLY DEMANDS COMPLETE RENUNCIATION OF 'NEUTRON DEATH\*'" RYSZARD DRECKI, IN TRYBUNA LUDU THE SAME DAY, CELEBRATED THE INFLUENCE OF WORLD OPINION ON CARTER'S DECISION, BUT NOTED THAT THE POSTPONEMENT DOES NOT MEAN "RENUNCIATION OF PRODUCTION. THAT IS A BASIC FACT... THIS PARTIAL STEP, A CONSEQUENCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, OF THE FORCEFUL PROTESTS OVER ALL THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE DECISIVE, GENERAL PROTEST OF POLISH SOCIETY, IS DONE IN A WAY WHICH MAKES IT NECESSARY TO EVALUATE IT NOT AS A PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL, BUT SIMPLY AS A KIND OF MANEUVER."

4. ZBIGNIEW LESNIKOWSKI IN TRYBUNA LUDU OF APRIL 11 SINGLED OUT LINKAGE AS THE KEY ELEMENT OF THIS AMERICAN TACTIC: "IT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIFFICULT, THEREFORE, TO TREAT THE FRIDAY WORD FROM WASHINGTON OTHER THAN AS A KIND OF TACTICAL MANEUVER, CALCULATED TO MAKE PROGRESS IN WIDE-RANGING DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS DEPENDENT ON SOVIET CONCESSIONS, AND IN MATTERS NOT ONLY CONNECTED WITH THE SUBJECT OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS."

5. ALSO ON APRIL 11, TRYBUNA LUDU'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WLODZIMIERZ LOZINSKI WROTE THAT AN APRIL 9 INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN GAVE NEW HOPE TO MILITARISTS IN THE UNITED STATES. PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION, LOZINSKI CONTINUED, "DID NOT DECREASE, BUT RATHER INCREASED THE SPHERE OF MILITARISTIC COGITATION CONNECTED WITH THE DESIRE TO ACHIEVE STRATEGIC SUPERIORITY IN THE WORLD."

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6. "PROGRESSIVE WORLD OPINION", POLISH COMMENTATORS AGREE, CANNOT ACCEPT THE NEUTRON DEVICE IN ANY FORM, NEITHER AS A WEAPON LASHED TO A LANCE MISSILE, NOR AS A BARGAINING LEVER USED TO PRY CONCESSIONS AT THE BARGAINING TABLE. AS NIETZ PUT IT: "THE AMERICAN 'FOR THE TIME BEING, NO, BUT' IS A CHARACTERISTIC AND TELLING DIMENSION OF THE REAL STAND OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ON THE BASIC RIGHT OF PEOPLES -- THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE. AS LONG AS THE SPECTER OF ATOMIC THREAT WEIGHS ON THIS RIGHT, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO AGREE WITH ANY COMPROMISE IN THE QUESTION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB."

7. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSTPONED DECISION DID NOT STEM THE TIDE OF MEETINGS HELD AROUND POLAND TO PROTEST THE "BOMB". REPORTS OF SUCH MEETINGS STILL FLOOD THE FRONT PAGES. AMONG THESE RECENT RALLIES WAS A GATHERING OF 2000 POLISH BOY SCOUTS AT AUSCHWITZ.

8. Z. SLOMKOWSKI IN TRYBUNA LUDU OF APRIL 12 CHASTISED THE PRC FOR ITS "FULL SUPPORT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB." SLOMKOWSKI WROTE "NO LARGE PARTY AND NO GOVERNMENT IN THE WEST HAS TAKEN AN EXPRESS POSITION TOWARDS THIS WEAPON OUTSIDE OF THE WEST GERMAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. IT TURNED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS AN EXCEPTION -- THE CHINESE." CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE NEUTRON BOMB, SLOMKOWSKI CONCLUDED, "IS CONTRARY TO THE WILL AND DESIRE OF ALL PEOPLES."

9. COMMENT: THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF SELF-CONGRATULATION IN POLISH MEDIA REACTION TO THE US POSTPONEMENT OF A DECISION ON THE NEUTRON WEAPON. PERHAPS THE COMMENTATORS REALLY BELIEVE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION WAS TAKEN IN PART IN RESPONSE TO THE SUSTAINED AND FURIOUS ANTI-NEUTRON "BOMB" CAMPAIGN MOUNTED IN POLAND. AS NOTED, HOWEVER, THE DECISION ITSELF IS LESS THAN SATISFACTORY FROM THE REGIME'S POINT OF VIEW. MOREOVER, A WELL-INFORMED PARTY SOURCE TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER APRIL 11 THAT LOCAL-LEVEL PZPR OFFICIALS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WERE COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER TO SHOW ZEAL IN ORGANIZING ANTI-NEUTRON "BOMB" MANIFESTATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE CAMPAIGN COULD WELL BE CARRIED OUT AT HIGH INTENSITY WELL INTO THE FUTURE. END COMMENT.  
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